



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation**

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

9:45 A.M.

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Schneider Vice-Chairman Moody, Commissioners Goslin and Tobolski (4)

Absent: Commissioner Moore (1)

Also Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Schneider asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

COMMITTEE MINUTES

17-4337

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/18/2017. **(No Action Taken)**

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUEST FOR A PRESENTATION FROM COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY AND DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF COOK COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS, POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

WHEREAS, Cook County self-insures and self-administers workers compensation benefits in accordance with the Illinois Workers Compensation Act; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has an obligation to be fair, consistent and fiscally responsible in the administration of workers compensation benefits to its employees who are injured while on duty; and

WHEREAS, both Cook County Department of Risk Management and the Cook County State's Attorney office have significant roles in the adjudication of employees' claims, including the investigation, assessment, reserving, administration, payment of claims and determining settlement or litigation of cases, while preserving the interests of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Workers' Compensation entails a variety of complexities that both Risk Management and the Cook County State's Attorney are charged with, board members would benefit from an overview of Workers' Compensation procedures and policies; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the Workers' Compensation Committee will be held for all Cook County Board members to attend; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that an executive session of the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee be convened to provide an overview of Workers' Compensation claims, policies and strategies, including a discussion of Risk Management information concerning workers' compensation coverage and liability and the impact of these matters upon County government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Risk Management and representatives from the State's Attorney Workers' Compensation Division appear before the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee to provide an overview of Workers' Compensation procedures in Cook County and address the subjects identified above.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moody, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, to recommend for receiving and filing 17-3676. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Schneider Vice-Chairman Moody, Commissioners Goslin and Tobolski (4)

Absent: Commissioner Moore (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Vice-Moody to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Schneider Vice-Chairman Moody, Commissioners Goslin and Tobolski (4)

Absent: Commissioner Moore (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy O. Schneider (CD)
Chairman

Matthew B. D. Lewis
Secretary

*A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>